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ONLY A SONG.

It was only a little blossom,
Just the merest bit of bloom,
But it brought a glimpse of summer
To the little darkened room.

It was only a glad "Good morning,"
As she peered along the way,
But it spread the morning's glory
Over the livelong day.

Only a song, but the music,
Though simply pure and sweet,
Brought back to better pathways
The reckless roving feet.

Some of the young women of Metuchen have organized a club, and adopted the following:

"Resolved, That we girls do hereby solemnly agree that we will not countenance any young man who habitually uses tobacco, or is addicted to strong drink; neither shall we receive calls from those who frequent pool rooms or other places of like character." [This may all be very well in some respects; but as to "clubs," whether of a social or shilalah kind, a question may arise as to their tendency, especially as a force by girls or women. And now suppose the young men should form a club to boycott all young women who affect a college education, drum on the piano, do a little fancy needle work, and yet know no more how to make or bake a loaf of bread or pie, or make a cup of good coffee, or make a bed, than a mule does about Christmas. Some women spend a good deal of time away from home to attend to what they are pleased to call "deeds of charity." We know of a case of this kind, and the family was wrecked; and only recently a case was named to us of a mother of three little children, who was so absorbed in her "public duties," that the little ones were neglected and left to get along as best they could. Some of them give a good deal of time in sickly sentimentality on vile criminals in prison, justly suffering for their bad deeds, and the more heinous their crimes, the greater the sympathy. Wonder how long some of those young ladies would withstand the wiley blandishments of a "nice" young man should he present himself, even though he should have the odor of the "filthy weed" upon him? A "conversion" of "I rather like the smell of a fragrant cigar," would in all probability soon follow, especially if he or his papa should have an ample supply of "rocks." "Let us have peace."—Ed. B.]

It is estimated that there are 6,300,000 Jews in existence in different parts of the world.

Mary Shnyp, of Wnnamie, Pa., was, a short time ago, making whiskey, when the pot upset, and set her clothing on fire, and she was burned to death. Her three children, in trying to save her, were so burned, that it was thought they would die, and the husband and father is said to have become insane.

A woman in a town in the State of New York was recently asked what she thought would be the first thing the women would do if they had the making of the laws? "Limit the number of Lodge meetings," was the prompt reply.

We see it stated that an Irishman has started on a visit to his native land, taking his whole family, consisting of himself, his wife, and sixteen (16) children! It is supposed that the people whom he visits, will conclude this to be a productive land.

Leap Year in Washington.—Young man at the foot of a tree—young woman three squares away, coming rapidly towards him. Young man to policeman, "Can I climb this tree?" Policeman, "You'd better take the next one, sir; there's sixteen men already gone up this one." Washington Critic.

Plain Talk.—Upon what does the liquor traffic depend? Upon debased manhood, degraded womanhood, deperved childhood. It holds a mortgage over every cradle, a deed written in heart's blood over every human life. Shall mothers bear this and remain silent? Shall fathers know this and remain indifferent?—N. Y. Tribune, Oct. 18, 1884.

A document was recently printed at the public printing office in Washington in which "Untied" was printed for "United" States—a great difference in the meaning—and the transposition of these two little letters rendered the document useless.

"Chiliasm" is a strange word to us: It appears to be used with reference to millenarins or adventists, or both, the word "chiliad" meaning a thousand years. It heads a newspaper article.

Vanity's Reward.—A Louisville girl has been rendered insane by the use of hair-dye. Another in Ohio, who ate arsenic to beautify her complexion, scarcely lived long enough to see her folly.

It is said that much of what is called ivory is now made from potatoes, after being passed through a certain process of preparation.

Somebody asserts that packages of dried penny-royal will drive away red ants.

Young men soon give and soon forget affronts: old age is slow in both.—So says Addison.

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The date on 1st page should be 11, not 13--mistake.

The Parade of the Haddon Fire Co., No. 1, and other associations, took place as per arrangement, on the evening of May 1st, and was quite a notable affair for our usually very quiet town.

It commenced to move at about 8 o'clock, under the direction of Chief Marshal S. C. A. Clement and his aids, John E. Peyton and Herbert D. Shivers. First in line were about 25 horsemen. These were followed by the active members of the Fire Co., of about 50 men, in uniform, with their new and handsome Hook and Ladder Truck, Hose Cart and Engine. Music by the Jennings 6th Regiment Band. Then came the Gun Detachment 6th Regiment, followed by the Golden Eagles; and after these the Davis Post of the G. A. R. of about 60 men. Then came a company of Red Men, dressed as Indians. There was also a large wagon load of little girls dressed in white.

A large portion of the town was illuminated—some places profusely—with lamps, chinese lanterns, torches, etc. To us, there seemed to be wanting a little more light with the procession, as the people, standing on the side walks, with the lights in the houses behind them, could scarcely see the different divisions as they passed along, except the Fire Department. We understand that a large Reflector had been procured to head the procession, but by some unfortunate accident, whilst getting it ready, the glass was broken, and it was thus rendered useless.

At the close of the procession at about 10 o'clock, having passed along nearly all the principal streets, the new Truck was formally placed in possession of the Fire Co., Henry Moore making the presentation speech, responded to by Edwin J. Dewey. We were unable, owing to the crowd, to get near enough to hear the orations, but of course they were eloquent and appropriate.

There seemed to prevail a kindly good humor generally, and a disposition to enter into the spirit of the affair with a zest and enthusiasm becoming the occasion. We flung our little flag to the breeze and "put a light in the window," and did, as we once heard a preacher announce about "little Mary Hood, who did the best she could," by faithfully performing the work assigned her as far as she was able, and was finally rewarded by obtaining a minister for a husband.

To the Editor of the Basket:

The Fire Co. tender a vote of thanks to the people of our town who aided the success of our Parade by illuminating their houses, displaying flags, etc.

HADDON FIRE CO., No. 1.

Several women have applied for admission into the General Conference of the Methodist church. We can't see for what good, though they can and do a vast amount of good in the church, and we should think could find enough to do without pushing themselves into places usually occupied by men. May not the motive be to gratify the ambition of a few "select ladies?" Would the business of the Conference be done any better? If the whole church, men and women, of mature age, had a vote on the question, no doubt it would be decidedly defeated. The applicants were refused admission.

One "poor, dear woman" rose to talk, and was pronounced a "crank," and silenced. It wouldn't do, perhaps, to infer that some other women who wanted to get where they could "talk" to large audiences, were— We don't understand how *laymen* can mean women.

We have the following from a correspondent:

The President of the Haddon Athenaeum and Free Reading Room Association states that it is very successful; has attracted a large number of the youth of the town, and that its evening openings is sometimes crowded with visitors. The noise made by the players at the games occasionally annoys readers, and suggests their separation into different rooms. If the Association succeeds, as is hoped for, in erecting a building for its own and other uses, this defect will be remedied.

Notice has been given of a Local Convention of Sunday School workers to be held in the Baptist Church next Tuesday, May 15th, morning, afternoon and evening. Some prominent speakers are expected.

Decoration Day will be on the 30th of May. We understand that it is arranged for the G. A. R. to leave the Hall at 2 o'clock, and proceed to the Methodist Cemetery, where they will be addressed by Rev. Mr. Gressimer.

Mrs. Stone has been elected President, and Mrs. Cline Vice-Pres. of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church; Mrs. F. Clement, Sec.; Mrs. Hollinshead, Treas.

Runners of mad dogs are all out again. A little child was bitten in its cheek a few days ago by a passing dog, but it was not supposed to be a mad dog.

Charles H. Hillman and wife and John Peyton have gone on a trip to California, etc., for three months.

Mr. Shryock has returned from his winter residence in Philadelphia to his summer abode in Haddonfield.

The Fire Co.'s Entertainment realized \$95. The Company has arranged for an Excursion on the 1st of Aug.

Messrs. Hoopes, Haines and Moore, carpenters were robbed of some of their tools on Friday night last.

Contractor Capern is putting up a neat house on Washington avenue for Charles Graff.

Charles Hillman and Wm. Nicholson have buildings going up on West End avenue.

Mr. Hoopes is building a house on Summit avenue.

Our new Board of Borough COMMISSIONERS consists of Julius Smith, Charles H. Hillman, John Wood, J. Morris Roberts and Jos. F. Kay,—Mr. Kay having been elected by a large majority over his competitor, Mr. Stone, at a special election, May 1, owing to a tie vote between these two candidates at the regular election, held April 10.

Commissioners of Appeal—Wm. Knox, Geo. D. Stuart, John H. Lippincott.

MARRIED—May 3rd, at the parsonage of Rev. P. Cline. Mr. William Herr Boyd and Miss Mary Abel, all of Haddonfield, N. J.